

## Abstract

How does a signaling point using 8-bit SLS values behave when it receives a message with a 5-bit SLS value?

The present invention solves the problem in that, in the case of messages using only 5-bit SLS values, it expands the SLS value to 8 bits in that a function generates (e.g. from the OPC and/or DPC3) additional bits which are used for expanding **the SLS field**.